

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday April 25th 1999

IRTS Annual General Meeting

The IRTS Annual General Meeting and Rally is being held today in the Fairways Hotel in Dundalk. The Rally opens at 11.00pm and the AGM itself will be held at 1430. If you are within driving distance, it's well worth a visit.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The next general meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Wednesday next 28th of April at 9.00 pm at the new venue of the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford (opposite Hillview). The feature of the meeting will be a talk on the Internet by Mark EI7IS.

Wicklow Wireless Society

Wicklow Wireless Society will host a talk and slide show by Declan EI6FR on Tuesday May the 11th next. Declan will detail his experiences with the ZL9CI DXpedition to Campbell Island during January this year. The venue is the Ravenswell School in Bray and visitors will be very welcome on the night. Further details from Sean EI4GK on 01-2821420.

Cork Radio Club

Cork Radio Club held their Annual General meeting recently and the following officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman - Fr. Finbarr Buckley EI1CS; Secretary - Pat Monahan EI6ETB; Treasurer - Dick Bermingham EI6HH; Committee members: Fred EI2EG, John EI8HS, Vincent EI7HN & Tony EI9ID. CRC DX Award Manager - Frank EI6EVB. John EI9ESB was co-opted to the committee.

The Cork Radio Club meets at 8.30pm every Monday night at Wilton Park House in Wilton in Cork City and visitors and new members are always very welcome. The Cork Club promotes the Cork Radio Club DX Award and this is available to licensed amateurs and shortwave listeners for working or hearing Cork Radio Club members or EI stations in County Cork as follows; DX stations need two contacts; European

stations need three contacts and EI/G stations need four contacts. QSL cards are not required. Just send a certified log extract to Frank EI6EVB at QTHR. The cost for EI and G stations is two pounds and 6 IRCs or 4 US dollars for all others.

ZL9CI Cards

Ken ZL2HU, QSL Manager for the ZL9CI operation reports that as of April 13th, he has received 9,200 direct QSL requests. Six team members are dealing with the cards and a target of June 30th has been set to get replies in the mail for cards received up to March 31st.

Mayo Radio Experimenters Rob Mannion G3FXD, Editor of Practical Wireless, was scheduled to open the Mayo Radio Experimenters Visitors Station on Saturday April the 24th. More details next week. Theory and Morse tests will be held in Kiltimagh on Thursday June the 10th.

Brendan Trophies

The Brendan Trophies, presented to the IRTS by Waterford Glass, are available to the first station on either side of the Atlantic to make a QSO on 2 Metres. Full rules are available from Paul Martin EI2CA, QTHR. A Belgian group led by Pedro ON7WP is trying to organise an attempt at winning these trophies and are looking for other interested groups, particularly in EI. Their plan is to get several stations on either side of the Atlantic trying simultaneously on an organised basis. They seem to have plenty interest in the U.S. but urgently need other stations on this side of the ocean. The planned time scale is from July the 5th until July 13th operating 24 hours a day. Further information from ON7WP at his E-mail address as follows-
Pedro.wyns@emmaus.be

Looking ahead

Fingal Radio Club will hold it's Radio & Electronics Exhibition in two weeks time on Sunday 9th May at the new venue in Erin's Isle GAA Club, Farnham Drive, Finglas.

The Region One CW Field Day will take place over the weekend of June the 5th and 6th. There are two categories in this one. A restricted section only allows a single element aerial and an open section with no restrictions on aerials.

The Donegal Rally will be held this year on Sunday June 27th in Jackson's Hotel in

Ballybofey. Enquiries to Gerry EI8HO on 072-52598.

The VHF/UHF Field Day will be held on July the 3rd and 4th and the IOTA contest will be on July 24th and 25th.

The International Lighthouse/Lightship weekend will be held over the weekend of August 21st and 22nd. In excess of forty countries should be involved. If you want to get involved, contact Mike GM4SUC.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News can be faxed to 021-632730 or passed on the telephone to Dave EI4BZ on 021-632444 during the day or at 021-883555 in the evening.

Input for the Newsletter should be sent to Kevin EI7IM at QTHR or on the phone at 01-4509514 or by E-mail to EI7IM@tinet.ie All input to either the radio news or newsletter can also be sent by e-mail to news@irts.ie

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